

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H3111**

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| TO: | The Honorable Phillip D. Owens, Chairman, House Education and Public Works Committee | | |
| FROM: | Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board | | |
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| AUTHOR: | Representative Cobb-Hunter | PRIMARY CODE CITE: | 59-63-75 |
| SUBJECT: | EKG Testing | | |

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3111 adds Section 59-63-75 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, to provide that, in order for a student to participate on a school sponsored athletic team; a student must undergo a pre-participation physical during which an electrocardiogram test must be administered. The doctor who administers the test must clear the student for participation on the team before the student is eligible to participate.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The State Department of Education estimates this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The State Department of Education reports there would be a cost to the student related to the administration of the electrocardiogram test during the student's participation physical, and there may be a cost to the school districts. School districts are not required to provide physicals for student athletes, but many have partnerships with community providers to provide them at no cost on school grounds. This would require another assessment procedure, equipment, and someone qualified to conduct and read an electrocardiogram test. However, this cost would be the student's responsibility.

Approved by:



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